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The **All Crops Index** was down 4 points (4 percent) from May and down 2 points (2 percent) from May 2002. Prices were a little lower than last month for most crops with hay prices continuing a sharp decline. Alfalfa hay averaged \$95.00 per ton in June, down \$10.00 from May and \$9.00 below June 2002. Other hay prices also dropped \$10.00 per ton from May and \$9.00 from last year. Other crop prices remained higher than in 2002 except dry beans. Dry beans averaged \$19.50 per hundredweight in June, up 30 cents from May but still \$6.60 lower than last June.

The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

**UNITED STATES:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June was 106, based on 1990-92=100, unchanged from the May Index. Since last month, all commodity group indexes are unchanged or lower except for the fruits and nuts, meat animals, and poultry and eggs commodity groups. Lower prices for cantaloupes, onions, peaches, and strawberries offset higher prices for tomatoes, broilers, hogs, and eggs.

The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloupes offset decreased marketings of oranges, tomatoes, strawberries, and sweet corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 8 points (8 percent) from June 2002. Higher prices for cattle, lettuce, hogs, and broilers more than offset lower prices for peaches, potatoes, sweet corn, and broccoli.

## WYOMING MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 22 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

**WYOMING:** The number of milk cows in **Wyoming** during April-June 2003 averaged 3,800 head. The number of cows was down 3 percent from the previous quarter and down 17 percent from the same quarter one year ago. Milk production during 2003's second quarter was 13.3 million pounds, unchanged from the previous three months but down 22 percent from the same quarter last year. This is the second consecutive quarter that quarterly milk production has been the smallest on record.

**UNITED STATES:** The April-June quarterly production of milk in the U.S. was 43.9 billion pounds, 0.3 percent below the same period last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.11 million head, 35,000 head fewer than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., APR-JUN, 2002 AND 2003					
State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		Change from 2002
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
WY	4.6	3.8	17.0	13.3	-21.8
CA	1,640	1,692	8,969	9,061	+1.0
CO	102	100	548	547	-0.2
ID	387	399	2,061	2,197	+6.6
MT	18	18	86	84	-2.3
NE	67	65	298	293	-1.7
SD	97	91	365	366	+0.3
UT	92	92	423	414	-2.1
WI	1,272	1,258	5,669	5,660	-0.2
US	9,149	9,114	44,015	43,862	-0.3

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, JUNE 2002, MAY 2003, AND JUNE 15, 2003								
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		JUNE 2002	MAY 2003	JUNE 15 2003	JUNE 2002	MAY 2003	JUNE 15 2003	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>								
Cows	100#	40.50	44.00	45.00	39.20	42.40	41.30	--
Steers & Heifers	100#	78.60	80.00	81.00	66.90	79.50	79.20	--
Calves	100#	87.60	109.00	110.00	96.50	100.00	102.00	47
Sheep	100#	21.90	31.60	30.00	23.50	31.10	1/	--
Lambs	100#	75.90	102.00	102.00	72.90	97.50	1/	--
<b>CROPS</b>								
Corn	Bu.	2.26	2.90	2.80	1.97	2.38	2.33	35
Oats	Bu.	1.90	2.24	2.20	1.95	1.95	1.84	45
Feed Barley	Bu.	1.92	2.16	2.05	1.83	2.33	2.36	--
All Wheat	Bu.	2.88	3.28	3.00	2.92	3.33	3.09	32
Dry Beans	100#	26.10	19.20	19.50	27.40	18.50	17.80	35
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	104.00	105.00	95.00	102.00	102.00	98.90	--
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	98.00	99.00	89.00	73.20	87.30	79.20	--
1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.								
INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.								
1990-92 = 100				WYOMING		UNITED STATES		
				JUNE 2002	MAY 2003	JUNE 15 2002	MAY 2003	JUNE 15 2003
All Commodities				97	97	100	98	106
All Crops				112	114	110	106	117
All Livestock and Products				91	92	95	90	97

ACRES PLANTED TO WYOMING CROPS INCREASE IN 2003;  
WHEAT AND BARLEY PRODUCTION FORECASTS ALSO HIGHER

Results of the annual June acreage survey indicate that **Wyoming** producers have 1.67 million acres in crop production in 2003. This acreage includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for alfalfa and other hay. Acreage planted to grain and row crops totaled 491,500 acres, up 4 percent from 2002 but still down 3 percent from 2001.

Wyoming producers planted 180,000 acres of **winter wheat** last fall, up 30,000 acres from the previous year; 165,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, up 45,000 acres from last year. The July 1 production forecast is more than double the 2002 crop. **Spring wheat** seedlings totaled 11,000 acres in 2003, up 3,000 acres from last year; 8,000 are expected to be harvested for grain. Acreage planted to **oats** was down 10,000 acres from last year; 20,000 acres are expected for grain. **Barley** area planted is unchanged from 2002. A total of 80,000 acres of barley are expected to be harvested for grain, up 10,000 from 2002. The July 1 production forecast is up 39 percent from 2002.

A total of 85,000 acres of **corn** were planted statewide, 6 percent above 2002 but 6 percent below 2001; 48,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain. **Dry bean** planted acreage is down 6 percent from 2002 but still 11 percent above 2001; 29,000 acres of dry beans are expected to be harvested. **Sugarbeet** acreage is down 11 percent from last year and the smallest crop since 1984; 34,000 acres are expected to be harvested for sugar. Producers expect to harvest 1.18 million acres of **all hay** in 2003, which would be up 24 percent from last year, 4 percent above 2001 and 2000 and the most since 1999. The acreage is comprised of 600,000 acres of **alfalfa**, up 20 percent from 2002, and 580,000 acres of **other hay**, up 29 percent.

**UNITED STATES:** The 2003 **winter wheat** planted area, at 44.3 million acres, is 6 percent above last year. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 36.5 million acres, 23 percent above the 2002 total. The July 1 forecast put production 50 percent lager than in 2002. Acreage planted to **spring wheat** other than durum for 2003 is estimated at 13.8 million acres, down 12 percent from 2002. Grain area is expected to be down fractionally from last year. The July 1 forecast for production was up 27 percent from 2002. **Durum wheat** seedlings totaled 2.80 million acres, down 4 percent from last year.

**Barley** growers seeded 5.46 million acres for 2003, up 8 percent from a year ago. Acres for harvest are up 18 percent from the 2002 level. The production forecast on July 1 was up 28 percent from last year. The area planted to **oats** last fall and this spring totaled 4.68 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 9 percent more for grain than in 2002. Production is expected to rise 24 percent based on July 1 conditions.

The 2003 **corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 79.1 million acres, virtually unchanged from 2002 but 4 percent above 2001. Acres for grain are up 4 percent from 2002. **Sugarbeets** planted totaled 1.36 million acres, down 5 percent from 2002. The area for harvest is down 2 percent. U.S. **dry bean** growers planted 1.51 million acres for 2003, down 21 percent from last year but 5 percent above two years ago.

**Hay** producers expect to harvest 64.4 million acres of all hay in 2003, slightly below 2002. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures are up 2 percent from last year while other hay is down 1 percent.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2002; ACREAGE AND JULY 1 SMALL GRAIN FORECASTS 2003									
Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2002	2003	2002	July 2003	2002	July 2003	2002	July 2003	03/02 %
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000		
WYOMING									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	80	85	36	48	124	2/	4,464	2/	
Winter Wheat (bu)	150	180	120	165	19	29	2,280	4,785	210%
Spring Wheat (bu)	9	11	4	8	24	3/	96	3/	
Oats (bu)	70	60	15	20	54	3/	810	3/	
Barley (bu)	90	90	70	80	70	85	4,900	6,800	139%
Sugarbeets (tons)	40.0	35.5	36.0	34.0	18.3	4/	659	4/	
Dry Beans (cwt)	32.0	30.0	29.0	29.0	21.50	4/	624	4/	
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	--	--	500	600	2.30	4/	1,150	4/	
Other Hay (tons)	--	--	450	580	1.00	4/	450	4/	
All Hay (tons)	--	--	950	1,180	1.68	4/	1,600	4/	
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	79,054	79,066	69,313	71,985	130.0	4/	9,007,659	4/	
Winter Wheat (bu)	41,735	44,349	29,651	36,491	38.5	47.0	1,142,802	1,715,912	150%
Spring Wheat (bu)	15,714	13,787	13,463	13,448	29.3	37.3	394,189	501,504	127%
Oats (bu)	5,005	4,676	2,098	2,286	56.8	64.7	119,132	147,895	124%
Barley (bu)	5,073	5,461	4,135	4,899	54.9	59.5	226,873	291,527	128%
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,427.3	1,362.4	1,361.1	1,336.8	20.4	4/	27,718	4/	
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,922.1	1,511.7	1,726.9	1,439.7	17.36	4/	29,974	4/	
Alfalfa Hay (tons)			23,135	23,541	3.19	4/	73,824	4/	
Other Hay (tons)	--	--	41,362	40,838	1.86	4/	77,138	4/	
All Hay (tons)	--	--	64,497	64,379	2.34	4/	150,926	4/	

1/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.  
2/Forecasts no longer made. Final estimates released January 2004.  
3/Forecasts no longer made. Final estimates released September 30.  
4/First forecast released August 12.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.53 million head on June 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent below June 1, 2002, and 6 percent below June 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.30 million, 1 percent above 2002 but 3 percent below 2001. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 408,000, 600-699 pounds were 366,000, 700-799 pounds were 747,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 776,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.23 million, 3 percent above 2002 and 1 percent above 2001.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, JUNE 1, 2002-2003 1/						
State	On Feed May 1, 2003	Place-ments May 2003	Market-ings May 2003	Other Disapp. May 2003	On Feed June 1, 2003	On Feed June 1, 2002
Thousand Head						
CO	1,000	200	200	10	990	1,090
KS	2,270	550	530	20	2,270	2,270
NE	2,080	360	500	10	1,930	2,060
TX	2,680	730	520	10	2,880	2,870
Oth						
Sts.	*2,500	457	478	15	2,464	2,680
U.S.	*10,530	2,297	2,228	65	10,534	10,970
1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. *Revised						

U.S. BEEF PRODUCTION RECORD HIGH FOR MAY

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during May 2003 totaled 400,000 pounds. This is down 10 percent from the previous month, but 13 percent above May 2002. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Six hundred *cattle* were slaughtered in May, up 100 head from a year ago. Total liveweight was 664,000 pounds, up 12 percent from May 2002. Average liveweight of cattle slaughtered was 1,160 pounds, 11 pounds lighter than last year.

Three hundred *hogs* and *pigs* were processed, up 100 head from last year. Total liveweight, at 71,000 pounds, was up 18 percent from May 2002. Average liveweight of hogs slaughtered was 256 pounds, down 5 pounds from last year. One hundred *sheep* and *lambs* were processed in May totaling 12,000 pounds liveweight. Average liveweight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 133 pounds, up 4 pounds from a year earlier.

January - May red meat production, at 2.5 million pounds, was 19 percent above the same period in 2002. **UNITED STATES:** Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in May, down 2 percent from the 4.02 billion pounds produced in May 2002.

**Beef production**, at 2.36 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year and a monthly record high for May. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.25 million head, up 3 percent from May 2002. The average live weight was 1,208 pounds, down 15 pounds from May a year ago.

**Pork production** totaled 1.55 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.81 million head, 6 percent below May 2002. The average live weight was 267 pounds, unchanged from May a year ago.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.2 million pounds, was down 22 percent from May 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 221,900 head, 22 percent below last year. The average live weight was 137 pounds, unchanged from May a year ago.

**January to May red meat production** was 19.07 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was up 5 percent, pork was unchanged from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 13 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, MAY 2002 AND 2003, Wyoming and U.S.										
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	May 2002	May 2003	May 2002	May 2003	% 03/02	May 2002	May 2003	May 2002	May 2003	% 03/02
			1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds		
Cattle	500	600	593	664	112	3,146,600	3,248,400	3,847,942	3,922,833	102
Hogs	200	300	60	71	118	8,323,100	7,809,400	2,218,700	2,088,018	94
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	10	12	120	285,700	221,900	39,199	30,432	78